Bridge at Kollakadavu.

285 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the question of constructing a bridge at Kollakadavu on the Mavelikara—Chengannur road; and

(*b*) the steps taken hitherto in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) the design of the bridge has been prepared. Further steps will be taken when it is possible to find funds for the purpose.

Improvement of the Puliyoor-Chennithala road.

286 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the Chief Engineer have received any representation from the public regarding the improvement of the Puliyoor—Chennithala road *via* Ennakadu and, if so, the action taken in the matter; and

(*b*) whether they or the Chief Engineer have considered the question of constructing a small bridge on the above road at Ennakadu and the result of the same?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*a*) Yes. Necessary steps are being taken to improve the road.

(*b*) Yes, an estimate for Rs. 2,600 has been received by the Chief Engineer and the same is now under scrutiny. The existing wooden bridge has been repaired and sufficiently strengthened recently.

Delay in the office of the Public Service Commissioner.

287 *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) Whether there is delay in registering the applications and filling up vacancies by the Public Service Commissioner;

(*b*) whether the delay is due to the inadequate staff;

(*c*) whether the Public Service Commissioner has prayed for additional staff for the effective working of the Department, and if so, has it been sanctioned;

(*d*) whether the Government have allowed any extra allowance or pay to the Commissioner, the Secretary and the manager in addition to their original pay;

(*e*) how many applications have been received in the Lower Division till 30-10-1112 and

(*f*) how many of such applications have been registered and what is the duration of the unregistered?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The member is referred to the answer in page 340 of the Assembly Proceedings dated the 28th July 1937.

Recruitment to the Public Service.

288 *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is provision for a local list for recruitment to the Public Service in both Lower and Intermediate Divisions, and, if so, whether they adopt it for appointments?

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DR. G. D. NOKES: Yes, in the case of short acting appointments. The provision is conditional and has not yet been put into force. The member is referred to page 40 of the Administration Report of the Public Service Department for 1112 M. E.

Alleppey-Thanneermukkom road.

289 *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the length of the Alleppey-Thanneermukkom road;

(*b*) the length already completed;

(*c*) whether they have received any representation from the Co-operative Society No. 1670 at any time for the immediate completion of the same;

(*d*) when the construction began; and

(*e*) why completion is delayed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) 13 miles and 6 furlongs.

(*b*) 6 miles and 3 furlongs *i. e.*, 3 miles and 3 furlongs at Alleppey end and 3 miles at Thanneermukkom end (from Thanneermukkom to Puthen *thodu*).

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) In 1110 M. E.

(*e*) Some sections of the road have been completed and some are in progress, while estimate is under preparation in the case of the remaining.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know from the honourable member how long was the estimate under preparation with reference to answer (*b*)?

MR. G. B. TRUSCOTT: The estimate was prepared in 1935

Rule 45 of the Public Service Recruitment Rules.

290 *MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received complaints about Rule 45 of the Public Service Recruitment Rules?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Yes.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know the main trend of these complaints?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The main trend of the complaint is that they not satisfied with the rule.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether rule 45 prevents confirmation on the ratio of the selective test that is 6 to 4?

DR. G. D. NOKES: I cannot confirm a man in any post which is done by the head of a department.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether this ratio is kept in confirmations which have already been made?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Confirmation is made by the Departmental heads and not by myself.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether the Public Service Commissioner has recommended to Government any rules regarding confirmation?

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